Maine Department of Transportation

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To: Mark Parlin

From: Charles Hebson

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Date: 2 March 2012

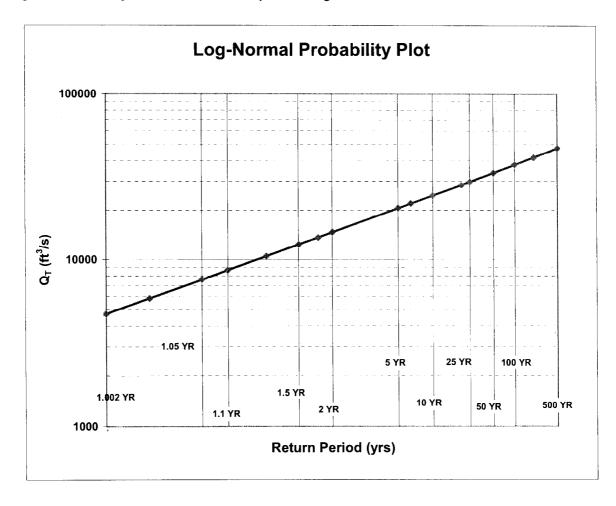
Re: 18232 Limington Design Hydrology – Saco River, Steep Falls Bridge, #3328

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Appendix: Output for Saco River-Cornish Gage from PeakFQ

Program PeakFq U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Seq.000.000

Ver. 5.2

11/01/2007

Annual peak flow frequency analysis

Run Date / Time

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--- PROCESSING OPTIONS ---

Plot option = Graphics device

Basin char output = None

Print option = Yes

Debug print = No

Input peaks listing = Long

Input peaks format = WATSTORE peak file

Input files used:

peaks (ascii) - D:\PROGFILS\PEAKFQ\TEST\DATA_IN\SACO-CORNISH.TXT

specifications - PKFQWPSF.TMP

Output file(s):

main - D:\PROGFILS\PEAKFQ\TEST\DATA_IN\SACO-CORNISH.PRT

Program PeakFq	U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	Seq.001.001
Ver. 5.2	Annual peak flow frequency analysis	Run Date / Time
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INPUT DATA SUMMARY

Number of peaks in record	=	94
Peaks not used in analysis	=	0
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Historic peaks in analysis	=	0
Years of historic record	=	0
Generalized skew	=	0.029
Standard error	=	0.297
Mean Square error	=	0.088
Skew option	=	WEIGHTED
Gage base discharge	=	0.0
User supplied high outlier threshold	=	
User supplied low outlier criterion	=	
Plotting position parameter	=	0.00

Program PeakFq	U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	Seq.001.002
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ANNUAL FREQUENCY CURVE PARAMETERS -- LOG-PEARSON TYPE III

	FLOOD BASE			LOGARITHMIC	
-					
		EXCEEDANCE		STANDARD	
	DISCHARGE	PROBABILITY	MEAN	DEVIATION	SKEW
-					
SYSTEMATIC RECORD	0.0	1.0000	4.1347	0.1725	0.031
BULL.17B ESTIMATE	0.0	1.0000	4.1347	0.1725	0.030

ANNUAL FREQUENCY CURVE -- DISCHARGES AT SELECTED EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITIES

ANNUAL			'EXPECTED	95-PCT CONE	FIDENCE LIMITS
EXCEEDANCE	BULL.17B	SYSTEMATIC	PROBABILITY'	FOR BULL.	17B ESTIMATES
PROBABILITY	ESTIMATE	RECORD	ESTIMATE	LOWER	UPPER
0.9950	4958.0	4959.0	4828.0	4241.0	5625.0
0.9900	5461.0	5462.0	5348.0	4726.0	6142.0
0.9500	7120.0	7120.0	7049.0	6352.0	7829.0
0.9000	8208.0	8208.0	8156.0	7430.0	8932.0
0.8000	9757.0	9756.0	9725.0	8968.0	10510.0

0.6667	11470.0	11470.0	11460.0	10660.0	12290.0
0.5000	13610.0	13610.0	13610.0	12720.0	14570.0
0.4292	14610.0	14610.0	14620.0	13660.0	15660.0
0.2000	19040.0	19040.0	19100.0	17680.0	20710.0
0.1000	22720.0	22720.0	22860.0	20870.0	25100.0
0.0400	27450.0	27450.0	27770.0	24860.0	30930.0
0.0200	31030.0	31040.0	31550.0	27820.0	35460.0
0.0100	34660.0	34670.0	35430.0	30770.0	40130.0
0.0050	38370.0	38380.0	39450.0	33740.0	44980.0
0.0020	43400.0	43420.0	45020.0	37730.0	51670.0

Program PeakFq	U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	Seq.001.003
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INPUT DATA LISTING

WATER YEAR	DISCHARGE	CODES	WATER YEAR	DISCHARGE	CODES
1917	17600.0		1964	13400.0	
1918	7800.0		1965	5950.0	
1919	13500.0		1966	6140.0	
1920	14100.0		1967	7950.0	
1921	12600.0		1968	13800.0	
1922	18000.0		1969	25600.0	
1923	23000.0		1970	15500.0	
1924	12900.0		1971	14500.0	
1925	15900.0		1972	14800.0	
1926	12600.0		1973	17300.0	
1927	7800.0		1974	20000.0	
1928	13600.0		1975	9180.0	
1929	10800.0		1976	19200.0	
1930	9550.0		1977	12900.0	
1931	11700.0		1978	15500.0	
1932	13800.0		1979	18000.0	
1933	19500.0		1980	11800.0	
1934	14200.0		1981	17500.0	

9570.0	1982	15900.0
46600.0	1983	16100.0
16900.0	1984	23300.0
11900.0	1985	5310.0
14100.0	1986	15400.0
21500.0	1987	31300.0
6290.0	1988	11300.0
10200.0	1989	18300.0
11900.0	1990	10200.0
12100.0	1991	9330.0
15800.0	1992	8300.0
9460.0	1993	18200.0
11400.0	1994	14900.0
9870.0	1995	6450.0
12600.0	1996	15400.0
17100.0	1997	14800.0
17100.0	1998	27500.0
16900.0	1999	9810.0
42400.0	2000	12700.0
22800.0	2001	15800.0
10900.0	2002	11700.0
11600.0	2003	9110.0
4550.0	2004	13800.0
20200.0	2005	17100.0
11700.0	2006	14900.0
16800.0	2007	17000.0
9550.0	2008	17700.0
14200.0	2009	14100.0
10900.0	2010	17600.0
	46600.0 16900.0 11900.0 11900.0 14100.0 21500.0 6290.0 10200.0 11900.0 12100.0 15800.0 9460.0 11400.0 9870.0 12600.0 17100.0 17100.0 16900.0 42400.0 22800.0 10900.0 4150.0 20200.0 11700.0 16800.0 9550.0	46600.0 1983 16900.0 1984 11900.0 1985 14100.0 1986 21500.0 1987 6290.0 1988 10200.0 1999 11900.0 1990 12100.0 1991 15800.0 1992 9460.0 1993 11400.0 1995 12600.0 1996 17100.0 1997 17100.0 1997 17100.0 1998 16900.0 1999 42400.0 2000 22800.0 2001 10900.0 2002 11600.0 2003 4550.0 2004 20200.0 2005 11700.0 2006 16800.0 2007 9550.0 2008

Explanation of peak discharge qualification codes

PeakFQ	NWIS	
CODE	CODE	DEFINITION
D	3	Dam failure, non-recurrent flow anomaly
G	8	Discharge greater than stated value
X	3+8	Both of the above
L	4	Discharge less than stated value
K	6 OR C	Known effect of regulation or urbanization
Н	7	Historic peak

- Minus-flagged discharge -- Not used in computation -8888.0 -- No discharge value given
- Minus-flagged water year -- Historic peak used in computation

Program PeakFq U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY Seq.001.004

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Station - 01066000 Saco River at Cornish, Maine

EMPIRICAL FREQUENCY CURVES -- WEIBULL PLOTTING POSITIONS

RANKED	SYSTEMATIC	BULL.17B
DISCHARGE	RECORD	ESTIMATE
46600.0	0.0105	0.0105
42400.0	0.0211	0.0211
31300.0	0.0316	0.0316
27500.0	0.0421	0.0421
25600.0	0.0526	0.0526
23300.0	0.0632	0.0632
23000.0	0.0737	0.0737
22800.0	0.0842	0.0842
21500.0	0.0947	0.0947
20200.0	0.1053	0.1053
20000.0	0.1158	0.1158
19500.0	0.1263	0.1263
19200.0	0.1368	0.1368
18300.0	0.1474	0.1474
18200.0	0.1579	0.1579
18000.0	0.1684	0.1684
18000.0	0.1789	0.1789
17700.0	0.1895	0.1895
	46600.0 42400.0 31300.0 27500.0 25600.0 23300.0 23000.0 22800.0 21500.0 20200.0 20200.0 19500.0 19200.0 18300.0 18200.0 18000.0	DISCHARGE RECORD 46600.0 0.0105 42400.0 0.0211 31300.0 0.0316 27500.0 0.0421 25600.0 0.0526 23300.0 0.0632 23000.0 0.0737 22800.0 0.0842 21500.0 0.0947 20200.0 0.1053 20000.0 0.1158 19500.0 0.1263 19200.0 0.1368 18300.0 0.1474 18200.0 0.1579 18000.0 0.1684 18000.0 0.1789

1917	17600.0	0.2000	0.2000
2010	17600.0	0.2105	0.2105
1981	17500.0	0.2211	0.2211
1973	17300.0	0.2316	0.2316
1950	17100.0	0.2421	0.2421
1951	17100.0	0.2526	0.2526
2005	17100.0	0.2632	0.2632
2007	17000.0	0.2737	0.2737
1937	16900.0	0.2842	0.2842
1952	16900.0	0.2947	0.2947
1960	16800.0	0.3053	0.3053
1983	16100.0	0.3158	0.3158
1925	15900.0	0.3263	0.3263
1982	15900.0	0.3368	0.3368
1945	15800.0	0.3474	0.3474
2001	15800.0	0.3579	0.3579
1970	15500.0	0.3684	0.3684
1978	15500.0	0.3789	0.3789
1986	15400.0	0.3895	0.3895
1996	15400.0	0.4000	0.4000
1994	14900.0	0.4105	0.4105
2006	14900.0	0.4211	0.4211
1972	14800.0	0.4316	0.4316
1997	14800.0	0.4421	0.4421
1971	14500.0	0.4526	0.4526
1934	14200.0	0.4632	0.4632
1962	14200.0	0.4737	0.4737
1920	14100.0	0.4842	0.4842
1939	14100.0	0.4947	0.4947
2009	14100.0	0.5053	0.5053

1932	13800.0	0.5158	0.5158
1968	13800.0	0.5263	0.5263
2004	13800.0	0.5368	0.5368
1928	13600.0	0.5474	0.5474
1919	13500.0	0.5579	0.5579
1964	13400.0	0.5684	0.5684
1924	12900.0	0.5789	0.5789
1977	12900.0	0.5895	0.5895
2000	12700.0	0.6000	0.6000
1921	12600.0	0.6105	0.6105
1926	12600.0	0.6211	0.6211
1949	12600.0	0.6316	0.6316
1944	12100.0	0.6421	0.6421
1938	11900.0	0.6526	0.6526
1943	11900.0	0.6632	0.6632
1980	11800.0	0.6737	0.6737
1931	11700.0	0.6842	0.6842
1959	11700.0	0.6947	0.6947
2002	11700.0	0.7053	0.7053
1956	11600.0	0.7158	0.7158
1947	11400.0	0.7263	0.7263
1988	11300.0	0.7368	0.7368
1955	10900.0	0.7474	0.7474
1963	10900.0	0.7579	0.7579
1929	10800.0	0.7684	0.7684
1942	10200.0	0.7789	0.7789
1990	10200.0	0.7895	0.7895
1948	9870.0	0.8000	0.8000
1999	9810.0	0.8105	0.8105
1935	9570.0	0.8211	0.8211

1930	9550.0	0.8316	0.8316
1961	9550.0	0.8421	0.8421
1946	9460.0	0.8526	0.8526
1991	9330.0	0.8632	0.8632
1975	9180.0	0.8737	0.8737
2003	9110.0	0.8842	0.8842
1992	8300.0	0.8947	0.8947
1967	7950.0	0.9053	0.9053
1918	7800.0	0.9158	0.9158
1927	7800.0	0.9263	0.9263
1995	6450.0	0.9368	0.9368
1941	6290.0	0.9474	0.9474
1966	6140.0	0.9579	0.9579
1965	5950.0	0.9684	0.9684
1985	5310.0	0.9789	0.9789
1957	4550.0	0.9895	0.9895

End PeakFQ analysis.

Stations processed: 1

Number of errors : 0

Stations skipped : 0

Station years : 94

Data records may have been ignored for the stations listed below.

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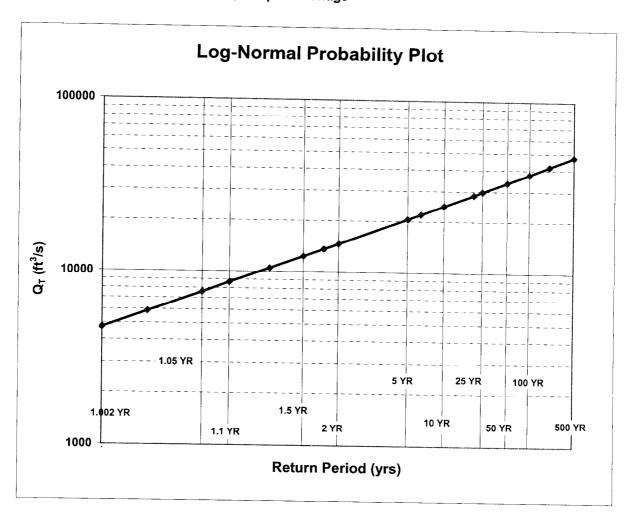
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	DISCHARGE		MEAN	DEVIATION	SKEW	
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SYSTEMATIC RECORD	0.0	1.0000	4.1347	0.1725	0.031	
BULL.17B ESTIMATE	0.0	1.0000	4.1347	0.1725	0.030	

ANNUAL FREQUENCY CURVE -- DISCHARGES AT SELECTED EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITIES

ANNUAL			'EXPECTED	95-PCT CONFIDE	ENCE LIMITS
EXCEEDANCE	BULL.17B	SYSTEMATIC	PROBABILITY'	FOR BULL. 17E	B ESTIMATES
PROBABILITY	ESTIMATE	RECORD	ESTIMATE	LOWER	UPPER
0.9950	4958.0	4959.0	4828.0	4241.0	5625.0
0.9900	5461.0	5462.0	5348.0	4726.0	6142.0
0.9500	7120.0	7120.0	7049.0	6352.0	7829.0
0.9000	8208.0	8208.0	8156.0	7430.0	8932.0
0.8000	9757.0	9756.0	9725.0	8968.0	10510.0

0.6	667	11470.0	11470.0	11460.0	10660.0	12290.0
0.5	000	13610.0	13610.0	13610.0	12720.0	14570.0
0.4	292	14610.0	14610.0	14620.0	13660.0	15660.0
0.2	000	19040.0	19040.0	19100.0	17680.0	20710.0
0.1	000	22720.0	22720.0	22860.0	20870.0	25100.0
0.0	400	27450.0	27450.0	27770.0	24860.0	30930.0
0.02	200	31030.0	31040.0	31550.0	27820.0	35460.0
0.0	100	34660.0	34670.0	35430.0	30770.0	40130.0
0.00	050	38370.0	38380.0	39450.0	33740.0	44980.0
0.00	020	43400.0	43420.0	45020.0	37730.0	51670.0

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INPUT DATA LISTING

WATER YEAR	DISCHARGE	CODES	WATER YEAR	DISCHARGE	CODES
1917	17600.0		1964	13400.0	
1918	7800.0		1965	5950.0	
1919	13500.0		1966	6140.0	
1920	14100.0		1967	7950.0	
1921	12600.0		1968	13800.0	
1922	18000.0		1969	25600.0	
1923	23000.0		1970	15500.0	
1924	12900.0		1971	14500.0	
1925	15900.0		1972	14800.0	
1926	12600.0		1973	17300.0	
1927	7800.0		1974	20000.0	
1928	13600.0		1975	9180.0	
1929	10800.0		1976	19200.0	
1930	9550.0		1977	12900.0	
1931	11700.0		1978	15500.0	
1932	13800.0		1979	18000.0	
1933	19500.0		1980	11800.0	
1934	14200.0		1981	17500.0	

1935	9570.0	1982	15900.0
1936	46600.0	1983	16100.0
1937	16900.0	1984	23300.0
1938	11900.0	1985	5310.0
1939	14100.0	1986	15400.0
1940	21500.0	1987	31300.0
1941	6290.0	1988	11300.0
1942	10200.0	1989	18300.0
1943	11900.0	1990	10200.0
1944	12100.0	1991	9330.0
1945	15800.0	1992	8300.0
1946	9460.0	1993	18200.0
1947	11400.0	1994	14900.0
1948	9870.0	1995	6450.0
1949	12600.0	1996	15400.0
1950	17100.0	1997	14800.0
1951	17100.0	1998	27500.0
1952	16900.0	1999	9810.0
1953	42400.0	2000	12700.0
1954	22800.0	2001	15800.0
1955	10900.0	2002	11700.0
1956	11600.0	2003	9110.0
1957	4550.0	2004	13800.0
1958	20200.0	2005	17100.0
1959	11700.0	2006	14900.0
1960	16800.0	2007	17000.0
1961	9550.0	2008	17700.0
1962	14200.0	2009	14100.0
1963	10900.0	2010	17600.0

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Explanation of peak discharge qualification codes

PeakFQ	NWIS	
CODE	CODE	DEFINITION
D	3	Dam failure, non-recurrent flow anomaly
G	8	Discharge greater than stated value
Х	3+8	Both of the above
L	4	Discharge less than stated value
K	6 OR C	Known effect of regulation or urbanization
Н	7	Historic peak

- Minus-flagged discharge -- Not used in computation
 -8888.0 -- No discharge value given
- Minus-flagged water year -- Historic peak used in computation

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EMPIRICAL FREQUENCY CURVES -- WEIBULL PLOTTING POSITIONS

WATER	RANKED	SYSTEMATIC	BULL.17B
YEAR	DISCHARGE	RECORD	ESTIMATE
1936	46600.0	0.0105	0.0105
1953	42400.0	0.0211	0.0211
1987	31300.0	0.0316	0.0316
1998	27500.0	0.0421	0.0421
1969	25600.0	0.0526	0.0526
1984	23300.0	0.0632	0.0632
1923	23000.0	0.0737	0.0737
1954	22800.0	0.0842	0.0842
1940	21500.0	0.0947	0.0947
1958	20200.0	0.1053	0.1053
1974	20000.0	0.1158	0.1158
1933	19500.0	0.1263	0.1263
1976	19200.0	0.1368	0.1368
1989	18300.0	0.1474	0.1474
1993	18200.0	0.1579	0.1579
1922	18000.0	0.1684	0.1684
1979	18000.0	0.1789	0.1789
2008	17700.0	0.1895	0.1895

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1917	17600.0	0.2000	0.2000
2010	17600.0	0.2105	0.2105
1981	17500.0	0.2211	0.2211
1973	17300.0	0.2316	0.2316
1950	17100.0	0.2421	0.2421
1951	17100.0	0.2526	0.2526
2005	17100.0	0.2632	0.2632
2007	17000.0	0.2737	0.2737
1937	16900.0	0.2842	0.2842
1952	16900.0	0.2947	0.2947
1960	16800.0	0.3053	0.3053
1983	16100.0	0.3158	0.3158
1925	15900.0	0.3263	0.3263
1982	15900.0	0.3368	0.3368
1945	15800.0	0.3474	0.3474
2001	15800.0	0.3579	0.3579
1970	15500.0	0.3684	0.3684
1978	15500.0	0.3789	0.3789
1986	15400.0	0.3895	0.3895
1996	15400.0	0.4000	0.4000
1994	14900.0	0.4105	0.4105
2006	14900.0	0.4211	0.4211
1972	14800.0	0.4316	0.4316
1997	14800.0	0.4421	0.4421
1971	14500.0	0.4526	0.4526
1934	14200.0	0.4632	0.4632
1962	14200.0	0.4737	0.4737
1920	14100.0	0.4842	0.4842
1939	14100.0	0.4947	0.4947
2009	14100.0	0.5053	0.5053

193	32	13800.0	0.5158	0.5158
196	58	13800.0	0.5263	0.5263
200)4	13800.0	0.5368	0.5368
192	28	13600.0	0.5474	0.5474
191	L9	13500.0	0.5579	0.5579
196	54	13400.0	0.5684	0.5684
192	24	12900.0	0.5789	0.5789
197	77	12900.0	0.5895	0.5895
200	00	12700.0	0.6000	0.6000
192	21	12600.0	0.6105	0.6105
192	26	12600.0	0.6211	0.6211
194	19	12600.0	0.6316	0.6316
194	14	12100.0	0.6421	0.6421
193	38	11900.0	0.6526	0.6526
194	13	11900.0	0.6632	0.6632
198	30	11800.0	0.6737	0.6737
193	31	11700.0	0.6842	0.6842
195	59	11700.0	0.6947	0.6947
200)2	11700.0	0.7053	0.7053
195	56	11600.0	0.7158	0.7158
194	17	11400.0	0.7263	0.7263
198	38	11300.0	0.7368	0.7368
195	55	10900.0	0.7474	0.7474
196	53	10900.0	0.7579	0.7579
192	29	10800.0	0.7684	0.7684
194	12	10200.0	0.7789	0.7789
199	90	10200.0	0.7895	0.7895
194	18	9870.0	0.8000	0.8000
199	9	9810.0	0.8105	0.8105
193	35	9570.0	0.8211	0.8211

1930	9550.0	0.8316	0.8316
1961	9550.0	0.8421	0.8421
1946	9460.0	0.8526	0.8526
1991	9330.0	0.8632	0.8632
1975	9180.0	0.8737	0.8737
2003	9110.0	0.8842	0.8842
1992	8300.0	0.8947	0.8947
1967	7950.0	0.9053	0.9053
1918	7800.0	0.9158	0.9158
1927	7800.0	0.9263	0.9263
1995	6450.0	0.9368	0.9368
1941	6290.0	0.9474	0.9474
1966	6140.0	0.9579	0.9579
1965	5950.0	0.9684	0.9684
1985	5310.0	0.9789	0.9789
1957	4550.0	0.9895	0.9895

End PeakFQ analysis.

Stations processed : 1

Number of errors : 0

Stations skipped : 0

Station years : 94

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(Card type must be Y, Z, N, H, I, 2, 3, 4, or *.)

(2, 4, and * records are ignored.)

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